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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for exchange comprising:
 - defining first and second assets as digital automated equities comprising objects instantiated with attributes of the assets;
 - registering the first and second digital automated equities on a common system exchange as offeror intermediary objects having predetermined attributes; and
 - matching the first and second equities by comparing the attributes of the intermediary objects.
2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the first asset comprises intellectual capital.
3. The method of Claim 2 wherein the second asset comprises financial capital.
4. The method of Claim 2 wherein the intellectual capital comprises patent rights.
5. The method of Claim 2 wherein the intellectual capital comprises rights to a name.
6. The method of Claim 2 wherein the intellectual capital comprises proprietary information.
7. The method of Claim 2 wherein the intellectual capital comprises a business plan.
8. The method of Claim 2 wherein the financial capital comprises a value stated in a national currency.
9. The method of Claim 2 wherein the financial capital comprises a security.
10. The method of Claim 9 wherein the security comprises warrants.
11. The method of Claim 9 wherein the security comprises options.
12. The method of Claim 9 wherein the security comprises stock.

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13. The method of Claim 1 wherein the first asset comprises segments of proprietary information and the second asset comprises queries for proprietary information, the method further comprising:
 - registering the first asset as an offeror intermediary object having segmented information and one or more actions associated with the segmented information;
 - registering the second asset as an investor intermediary;
 - disclosing one or more segments of the proprietary information to the investor intermediary upon compliance with one or more of the actions.
14. The method of Claim 13 wherein one of the actions comprises execution of a non-disclosure agreement.
15. The method of Claim 13 wherein one of the actions comprises disclosure of proprietary information by the investor intermediary.
16. The method of Claim 13 further comprising staged disclosure of plural segments of information upon compliance with plural actions.
17. A computer exchange system comprising:
 - plural capital exchange offers stored in memory as an object, each capital exchange offer encapsulating attributes that define a digital automated equity associated with the capital exchange offer, a barter price for the capital exchange offer and one or more conditions associated with the capital exchange offer;
 - a match use case that compares attributes of the plural capital exchange offers to determine closeness of the capital exchange offers;
 - a negotiate transaction use case that supports communication between owners associated with close capital exchange offers to alter attributes in response to a match; and
 - a settle transaction use case that supports the exchange of digital automated equities.
18. The computer exchange system of Claim 17 wherein the match use case compares attributes by placing stored capital exchange offers in a dormant state and comparing newly initiated capital exchange offers with each dormant capital exchange offer.

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19. The computer exchange system of Claim 18 wherein the barter price of each digital automated equity comprises a type of digital automated equity sought in exchange and wherein the match use case compares the type of digital automated equity type of the barter price of the newly initiated capital exchange offer with the digital automated equity type of the barter price of the dormant capital exchange offers.
20. The computer exchange system of Claim 19 wherein the match use case places newly initiated capital exchange offers in a dormant state if no match is found.
21. The computer exchange system of Claim 19 wherein one type of digital automated equity comprises an internet domain name.
22. The computer exchange system of Claim 18 further comprising an expire use case that removes capital exchange offers from the dormant capital exchange offers upon passage of a predetermined expiration time.